

1922 Stoneyal Infield Shows Wares When Groh, Bancroft and Frisch Swing Into Action

Giants Go Through Two Hard Sessions of Training Drill

No Decrease in the Unsigned Members of Squad; McGraw Is Puzzled Over the Question of Lead-Off Man as He Watches Batting Practice

By W. B. Hanna

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 3.—Two installments of baseball practice were rather wearing on the boys to-day. John McGraw's half a hundred Giants went at the forenoon session to-day with vigor and zest unabated from a short whirl yesterday afternoon, but yesterday was their first practice, and so to-day they were by no means sufficiently hardened to go through two drills with unflagging spirits.

The Texas sun was out again in full splendor, following the late frigid visitation, and practice went into full swing with an hour and a half's work morning and afternoon. The ground, especially the infield, is soft after having out, and base paths are heavy. The work will be livelier and more accurate when the ground is rolled into smoothness. Dave Bancroft, who is a bit overweight, was dog tired when he came off the field, and said the soft footing made the early practice additionally trying.

The day's drills were routine but none the less momentous, because for the first time the \$500,000 infield or whatever it's worth, and it's worth \$500,000 if Groh is worth \$150,000, well, anyway, the stellar infield of the Giants worked together for the first time. It wasn't quite all there, at that, for George Kelly is still an invalid in California, but the luminous stars—Hank Groh, Dave Bancroft and Frank Frisch—were in their respective places—third, short and second respectively.

Smith on First Pro Tem.

Pro Tem, Earl Smith is the first baseman for this stellar quartet. Smith played the gateway job both morning and afternoon to-day, with the home and Bill Wirtz, again, the outfielders, relieving in the morning. As it played to-day it's a fixed infield, though by no means stationary, except that the tenure of first base is tentative, pending the arrival of Kelly.

The superior craftsmanship is there you could see that sticking out of the movements of the various units, but not as yet quickened to speed. Groh dug a few difficult bounds out of his stomach, and Frisch was perspiring freely when he knocked off work. The trouble with Frisch, to use his own words, is, "I never know how to take it easy."

None of the regular pitchers threw the ball much, and all the young pitchers were used for the batting practice. Groh was to-day it. Shiner, Alce Gaston, the catcher, had to caution one or two of them to do that and nothing more. Young Malone from Arizona, for instance, gave a bit restive under this mild restraint and was disposed to put more of the ball than this time of the year in his pants.

Shiner in left field, Shiner in center, who is getting more work there than either Cunningham or Boone. Young in right, whose position is secure, pursued flyballs to more than ten feet, heart's content in an outfield cap that clings to his head, and he seems to make himself very much at home in his big and loose and easy in his movements and always moving about. He ought to get in condition quickly.

Snyder Working Hard

No decrease in the unsigned members of the Giant squad was reported to-day. Frank Snyder is one of these. He doesn't seem to be worrying and neither does the club. He's working hard in practice, and had a lot of life in his work behind the lat and did some good throwing.

The old "What are you going to do with me?" was Captain Bancroft's rally cry in the fielding practice. "Let me mean the ball," that was Harry Wolverton's slogan when he was manager of the Yankees.

"And still I don't know what I'm going to do for a lead-off man," said McGraw, as he watched the batting practice. "I don't know that it makes much difference. The lead-off man seldom leads off after the first inning."

Shiners is a collegian. Comes from Marquette University. He played football at Marquette Academy and hasn't been in baseball all told more than three years.

The young pitchers used for batting practice were: Albertson, Shores, Baeline, Proctor, Benton, Stanton, and Virgil Barnes, names which, whatever they may come to mean later, mean no more to New York fans at present than cenny, meenny, moony, Mike. That is, all except Barnes. Barnes is quite as slender as his brother, but taller. He is straight as a string and has excellent "form."

Arthur Nehf didn't throw a ball to-day. He, Ryan, Causey and Jesse Barnes jogged around the outfield. And some of the athletes let it be said that Toney and Douglas are not here, the first three named plus Virgil Barnes constitute for the present what might be called the regular pitching staff.

Ran Johnson, American League president, was in town on his way to Eagle Pass, where the Athletics, once quite prominent in southern races, are training. From there Johnson will go into Texas on business.

Fine and Jail for Oral Bettors at New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, March 3.—Thomas J. Shiner, Harry Gardner, René Dore and Mark Boscher identified also in sporting circles as "Jack Sheehan," all well known "oralizers" who operated at the Fair Grounds racing meet just closed, were convicted to-day by a jury in criminal court of having violated the Locke anti-gambling law and were sentenced to seven months' imprisonment and a fine of \$400 each.

The defendants filed a motion for an appeal to the Supreme Court and March 20 was set for argument on the appeal motion. The cases against the four men were filed a year ago.

Pays \$1,300 to Join Club

SAN FRANCISCO, March 3.—A record for the price of membership in the San Francisco Golf and Country Club set here when Sunday George Graham confirmed the sale of a membership held by the late John A. Rigan. A. Rigan, a broker, to C. H. Barber for \$1,300. The attorney for the Rigan estate arranged the sale.

Veltin Girls Win Again

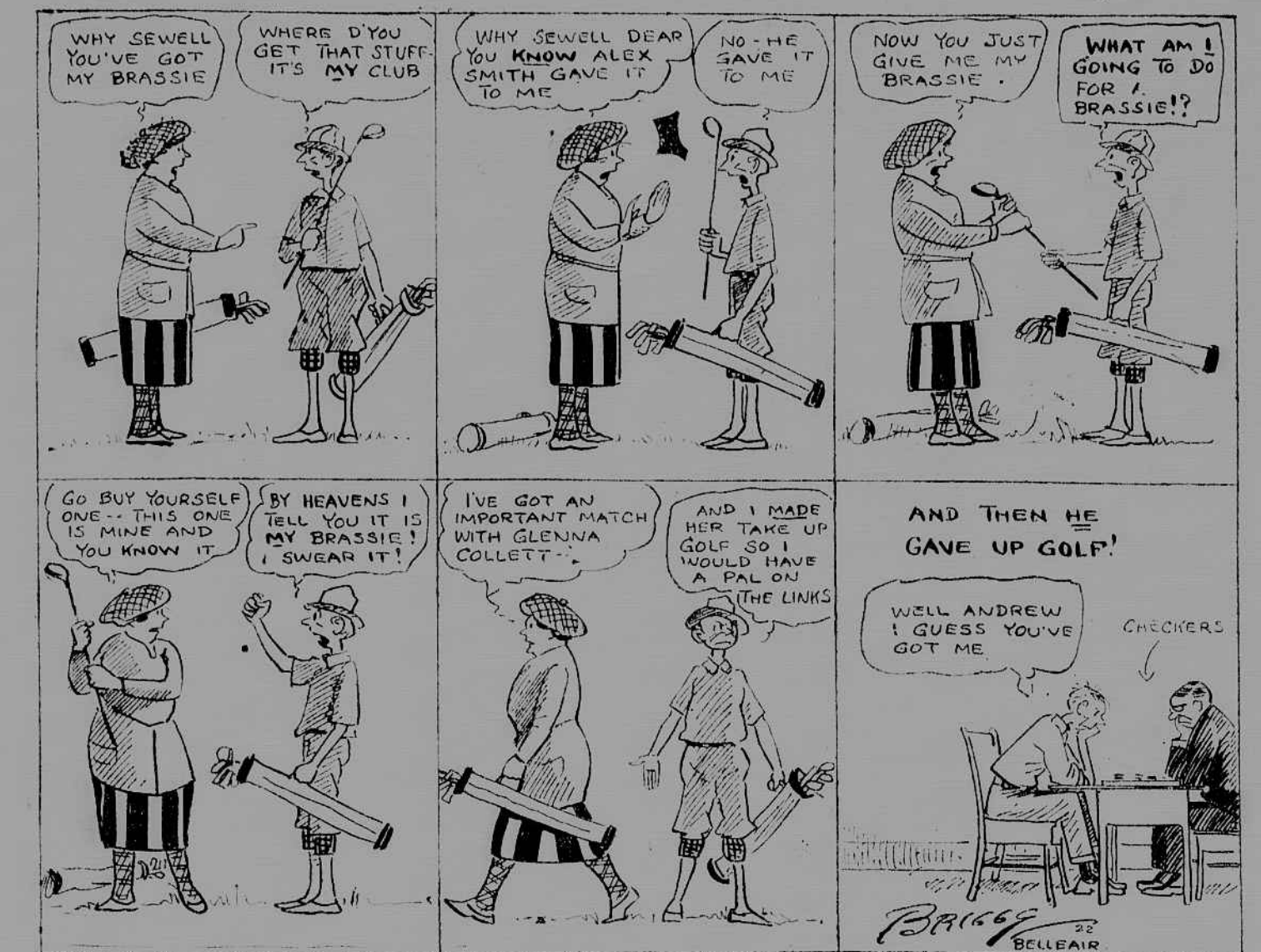
The basketball team of the Veltin School for girls continued its unbroken string of victories yesterday afternoon when it defeated the St. Agatha five by a score of 21 to 2. It was the thirtieth straight for Veltin, the string of victories covering a period of three years.

Erasmus Swimmers Beaten

Poly Prep's swimming team easily defeated the mermen of Erasmus Hall High School in the former's pool yesterday afternoon by a score of 29 to 16.

And Then He Gave Up Golf

By BRIGGS



Sam Jones Signs And Yanks' Mound Staff Is Complete

Former Red Sox Twirler Is Now on His Way to Join Team at New Orleans

By W. J. Macbeth

Sam Jones, last of the Yankee revolutionists, has capitulated. His signed contract reached Business Manager Ed Barrow, of the American League champions yesterday afternoon. Jones is now on his way to New Orleans for spring training. He eschewed the Hot Springs, Ark., stop-over, as he considers himself still a kid.

Jones, who was one of the main bread-winners of Harry H. Frazee's Boston Red Sox in 1921, came to New York together with "Bullet" Joe Bush, another light-handed pitcher, and shortstop Everett Scott, in a trade for Pitches Jack Quinn, Bill Pierce and "Rip" Collins and Shortstop Roger Peckinpaugh. All three of the Hub denizens at first refused to sign with Colonels Ruppert and Huston. But all three have been won over.

Scott, who will probably captain the Yankees through the prospective campaign, was the first to capitulate. Joe Bush succumbed to the lures of the battling colonels a day ago. Now Jones has sworn allegiance and the Yankee cause rests easy and pretty, for everybody connected with the establishment from the business manager to the ground-keeper is safe under lock and key with the sole exception of the great and only "Babe" Ruth.

Bob Meusel, Wallie Schang, Aaron Ward and "Babe" Ruth have not yet signed, but all, apparently, except the great Bambino himself, are accepted tentative terms. Indeed it is believed that Ruth is as good as in the fold. Some few discrepancies remain to be ironed out, but all are aside from momentary considerations. So far as Ruth is concerned, it is believed that he is a case of guarantees of good faith toward the earning of certain promised bonuses.

17 Straight for Horace Mann

Horace Mann defeated Poly Prep at basketball yesterday afternoon at the latter's court in a game which required three extra five-minute periods. The score was 20 to 28. Captain Carl Loeb scored the deciding goal for Horace Mann. It was the seventeenth straight victory for Horace Mann.

Zach Wheat Reports to Robins For 4th Year Under Big Tent

Rain Brings Off Day at Dodger Camp; No Word From Burleigh Grimes

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 2.—The Brooklyners were unable to go through their practice session in South Jacksonville to-day because of rain, and many of the athletes welcomed the off-day, as it gave them a chance to recover from the effects of the hard work out. Manager Robinson subjected them to the training session opened. Some of the athletes spent their time patronizing local moving picture houses and others played cards.

Otto Miller and Bernie Neis elected to stay outdoors in spite of the rain and went fishing. They spent several hours sitting in a rowboat in the St. Johns River, and when they returned to the team headquarters reported that not a fish was caught.

The most important event of the day, however, was the arrival of Zach Wheat. The famous slugger is about to start training for the fourth season as a member of the Robins, and appears to be in good shape. He spent the off-season working on his farm and did not allow himself to take on any superfluous poundage.

Zach heard about the many young outfielders the Brooklyn scouts discovered last year and is ready to show them that he is not yet all in. Zach does not want to step aside in favor of young blood for a few more seasons, and he looks as if he is good for two or three more campaigns under the big tent.

President Ebbs did not have any trouble in signing the veteran slugger this year. Ebbs sent Zach a contract several weeks ago, and after reading it the slugger signed on the dotted line and immediately returned to the Flatbush offices of the club. Zach was well satisfied with the terms of the document.

Burleigh Grimes and Jimmy Johnston continue to hold out, and if they do not report in a few days Squire Ebbs may issue a statement. At present the magnate is marking time. In the mean time Manager Robins is

Collegiate School Five Wins

Collegiate School's basketball team had difficulty in defeating the Cutler quintet last night, but yesterday afternoon, the score was 48 to 20. Collegiate made a splendid comeback after trailing in the first half. Murray scored ten field goals for the victors.

N. Y. A. C. Swim Meet

The A. A. U. swimming events to be held under the auspices of the New York A. C. are announced as follows: March 29, water polo, and 50-yard relay, and March 30, water polo and fancy dive. Entries close March 22.

Stevens Wrestlers vs. C. C. N. Y.

The Stevens Institute and C. C. N. Y. wrestlers will meet in a return match this afternoon in the Castle Point gymnasium, Hoboken. In the previous meeting City College was the victor, 14 to 10.

The SPORTLIGHT

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Advance Notice

We've flung to the shadows the blight of old Ebb. So on to the grapple of Gibbons and Greb.

The guys are now silent from Mons to the Somme. So feed us the battle of Harry and Tom.

For the resin may weave us a championship web Somehow from the pattern of Gibbons or Greb.

"A man may be down but he's never out." Rarely, at least, to the grandstand umpire when the home club's at bat.

So far the official score stands at eleven robins and four bluebirds. We are not in position to state whether this is a world's record or not for March 4, north of forty-odd. Even if it is, what of it?

A Query—Plus a Reply

Dear sir: What about an instance of this sort, and there are many such: A poor boy wants a college education and he hasn't the money to pay for it. But he has football ability that will take him through, with all expenses paid. He can't work his way through college, for there isn't time enough to work, play football and keep up in one's studies. In a case of this sort why shouldn't football ability pay his college course?

L. F. H.

There may not be time enough to work one's way through college, play football and attend to studies. But why should football be compulsory where an education is the main desire? We have also noticed that about 87 per cent of those good football players who have their way paid through college to get an education have a way of kissing the jolly old campus good by around the afternoon of December 2. Also that the first select use to which their higher education happens to be put is professional football.

There are thousands who work their way through college without finding football a necessary and leading course. Black and white are never the same color. When a man is given a remuneration for his athletic services he is a professional. When he parades as an amateur he is merely cheating, and the coach who knows and supports the case hasn't more than one jump on a crook.

A college education is a desirable thing, but to lie and to cheat are rather an expensive tuition fee.

The Other Side

One earnest exponent of an old doctrine writes in to suggest that any man who attends college and keeps up in his class work should be allowed to play on any team.

He says there should be no such thing as amateur or professional, but that one should be rated by his work in the class room and his conduct on the field.

No vivid imagination is required to visualize a future of this sort. What with colleges, coaches or rich alumni bidding for the services of prep. school stars sulkily holding out for higher bids, the drama of the occasion would soon rise to radiant heights.

"No such thing as amateur or professional" would soon lead to "No such thing as amateur."

"Colleges in the Far West are now having cougars for mascots." But there is said to be almost nothing in the report that Princeton will play a Bengal tiger at left end next fall. After all, this animal stuff can frequently be overdone.

"A mile in 4:10 and 100 yards in 9:25 are coming before the year is out," prophesies an expert. But as long as neither pace is fast enough to take one out of the reach of an income tax collector, why the excitement?

Changing Weapons

Harry Heilman, leading batsman of the American League last season, uses three different bat-weights that run from 36 to 42 ounces. He advocates a change of bat-weight always when one is entangled in the sombre throes of a slump.

A change of scenery in regard to implements isn't a bad idea in either tennis or golf when one happens to be in a slump.

There are times when a new touch and renewed confidence come with new weapons, the old having gone stale.

This is especially true in regard to putting. Babe Ruth sometimes goes to a mere 50-ounce bat against a fast pitcher, but in the main the Babe swings a bludgeon that is from 12 to 14 ounces heavier than Heilman's or Cobb's.

"Lo!—it is not always May"—but with keener starch We would rather whisper low, "It's not always March."

A research expert claims to have found in the ancient ruins now being lifted from the earth the picture of an Egyptian swinging a golf club. Unfortunately no mention is made of the more important details as to whether he was using the overlapping grip and the open stance. It is at least safe to assume that at the moment of being sketched he was "not playing any too well." Otherwise it is the picture of no golfer.

Court Order Stops Hagenlacher-Cutler Cue Match Pronto

German Player Gets Legal Document in Middle of Contest and Parks Stick

Erich Hagenlacher, German billiard champion, did not play his scheduled match at Daly's Academy last night. Neither did he finish his afternoon game with Albert Cutler. The explanation is that while Hagenlacher was in the middle of a long run in the afternoon a young man stepped up to the billiard player and handed him a paper. Unmindful of its import, Hagenlacher continued clicking the ivory spheres until he missed. Then he had the contents of the paper translated, and the translator advised the German that he had better quit for the day.

The paper, it was revealed, was a temporary injunction signed by Justice Ford restraining Hagenlacher from playing billiards under the management of any person other than Josef Knoepfer. Thereupon the night game was called off.

Louis Richman, of 38 Park Row, counsel for Knoepfer, told Justice Ford that his client brought Hagenlacher from Germany last January, and that later they entered into a five-year contract under which the German came to play only under the management of Knoepfer, and that they were to divide the emoluments on a 50-50 basis. Notwithstanding this contract, Mr. Richman said, Hagenlacher decided to play on his own hook and also under the management of one Hans Fitzfuf, all of which, it is charged, was a violation of his contract.

Zbyszko Loses Title To "Strangler" Lewis

WICHITA, Kan., March 3.—Ed ("Strangler") Lewis regained his world's heavyweight wrestling title here to-night, winning the second and third falls from Stanislaus Zbyszko.

Lewis got the second fall in eighteen minutes with a headlock which so dazed Zbyszko that he was an easy victim in the third fall, which came with a headlock in three minutes' time. Zbyszko took the first fall with a body scissors and armlock in 41 minutes 30 seconds.

Pathwork Infield

It was about noon when Bob Connery chased the pitchers to the showers after making them do a little road work inside the grounds. Charlie O'Leary then hooked up a patchwork infield with Killinger on third, McMillan at shortstop, Ed Neusel, an outfielder, at first, while Connery hoisted some lofty fungoes to the rookie flycatchers.

The festivities closed about 1 p. m. and the squad dashed for the showers under the stands. Huggins left the workout entirely in the hands of Connery and O'Leary and contented himself with trying to discover just what rookies were here for spring training, and why.

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Huggins' Charges Limber Up First Day Out on Muddy Field

Work-Out Consists Mainly of Light Batting Practice From 11 A. M. to 1 P. M.; O'Doul and Pipp Join Camp; Haines Cracks Floater Over Bleachers

NEW ORLEANS, March 3.—The sun broke through the clouds to-day, the warblers twittered through the budding foliage, the seagulls forsook their pasturage on the infield at Heinemann Park and the Yankee rookies cavorted in the open for the first time during the present trip.

Manager Huggins incensed himself in a huge sweater and an overwhelming overcoat and watched his charges plowing hither and yon through the engulfing mud that remained as a result of the recent and unappreciated deluge.

The leader of the Yankee clan was perched in the grandstand, flanked by Scoutmaster Joe Kelley, and he kept his weather eye trimmed for signs and portents of genius among the ambitious athletes on the field.

He was further cheered by the news from Ed Barrow that Sam Jones and Bobbie Roth had affixed their signatures to contracts and would soon be on deck. As is usually the case, the hold-out bugaboo disappeared at the first touch of the spring sun.

The practice to-day consisted of hitting more than limbering up. The field was in fairly good condition, considering the quantity of water that the heavens had spilled on it in the last few days, but the boys were taking no chances of "charleyhorsing" and just enabled through their work. The rookie pitchers were sent to the mound with instructions to lob the ball up to the batters, and they did just that, with the result that the horsehide took some extended trips to the far corners of the field.

Some Hefty Hitting

Hinky Haines, the Pennsylvania State gridiron star, struck a blow for his alma mater by crashing a floater over the left-field bleachers by way of introducing himself to the assembled multitude. It was the only out-of-bounds play of the day, but Fred Hoffmann, Elmer Miller and Lefty O'Doul did some hefty hitting within the confines of the park.

O'Doul incidentally arrived last night, and Wally Pipp dropped in casually this morning to swell the total of athletes at the Grumetald hotel. Ward, Fawcett and Pipp took no part in the morning workout. Fawcett has no weight to dispose of and he will start slowly. Though Ward has not signed yet it is said to come to terms, and would have been on the field to-day had his trunk arrived with his war togs.

The gingery infielder will have a conference on the financial question tomorrow with Huggins, and both parties seem confident that an agreement will be reached. With the pitching staff complete by the signing of Jones and with practically all other malcontents on the way into the fold, the amalgamation of hold-outs may be considered null and void.

All things considered it was a fine morning at the ball park. Culp, Jolly, Murray, Quinn and Wilson tugged up easy ones to the boys at the plate. No one was pulling away from the batters and the crack of the bat rang merrily through the balmy air. Each player took several swipes at the leather and then trotted slowly around the diamond.

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7th Regiment Tennis

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